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The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" Mr. President, Sir, the hon. Member is aware that elementary schools in this province except those under Government for training purposes are managed either by aided bodies or local self-governing institutions. It will not be possible for the Government to say that they will do this, because it is a matter entirely under the control of the local bodies and aided institutions. They may do anything provided they do not go against the rules in the Educational Code."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether there is no such rule restricting the hours of spinning to four in a week ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" That is so, Sir. This was arrived at after consulting persons who were greatly interested in the spinning movement. It should not be possible for a teacher to confine the students to spinning work only. That was the reason why this restriction of four hours was laid down and Government think that it is a reasonable one."

Mr. S. SATYAMURTI :—" May I know whether weaving also is compulsory in schools teaching spinning ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" No, Sir, the hon. Member evidently has not read the Government Order. Otherwise he would not have put this question."

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—" May I know whether he is not prepared to allow spinning to go on for a longer number of hours in schools in which Kapus and Malas are reading ?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—" I shall consider this point, if the local bodies and other aided institutions concerned make out a case for the removal of the restriction."

Tours

Tours by the hon. Minister for Development.

*175 *Q.*—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of tours undertaken by him since the 31st March last up to date ;

(*b*) the districts visited by him ;

(*c*) the nature and extent of the official work done by him during those tours ;

(*d*) whether he did any party or propaganda work during those tours ;

(*e*) whether he paid from his pocket for the expenses of any of these tours ; and

(*f*) if not, why not ?

A.—(*a*) Two, one on my way from Madras to Ootacamund and the other from Ootacamund to Madras.

(*b*) Madura, Trichinopoly and Coimbatore.

(*c*) *First tour* (*April* 1928)—

Inspection of the Madura Technical Institute and Veterinary Hospital, Trichinopoly.